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IDAHO CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 9 PERCENT

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on April 1, 2004 totaled 255,000 head, down 9 percent from the April 1, 2003 inventory, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 4 percent from the number on hand March 1, 2004. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 39,000 head, down 19,000 head from March 2003 placements. Marketings during March totaled 46,000 head, down 11,000 head from March 2003 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States from feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.75 million head on April 1, 2004. The inventory was slightly above April 1, 2003 and 7 percent below April 1, 2002. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.80 million, 11 percent below 2003 and 8 percent below 2002. Net placements were 1.74 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 347,000, 600-699 pounds were 346,000, 700-799 pounds were 641,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 470,000. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.97 million, 9 percent above 2003 and 8 percent above 2002. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during March, 8 percent above 2003 and 3 percent below 2002.

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